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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: AGENDA FOR DEVELOPMENT: RENEWAL OF THE DIALOGUE ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Costa Rica* and Colombia**: draft resolution

Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974,

Reaffirming its resolutions 48/165 of 21 December 1993, 49/95 of 19 December 1994 and 50/122 of 20 December 1995 on renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership,

Noting with interest the role of the Secretary-General in encouraging all countries to engage in a constructive dialogue for advancing development and in facilitating their efforts in that regard,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

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Taking into account the note by the Secretary-General, 1/

1. Reaffirms the need to encourage constructive dialogue and partnership based on mutual interests and benefits, genuine interdependence, shared responsibility and the partnership for achieving sustained economic growth and sustainable development as well as improving the international economic environment that is conducive to such development;

2. Also reaffirms the need to place development at the centre of United Nations activities and that the United Nations has a central role to play in promoting international economic cooperation for development and revitalizing international economic cooperation for development through increased partnership among and between countries;

3. Agrees to defer the holding of the first high-level dialogue for a period of two days to the early part of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly - the date, modalities and focus of the discussion to be decided by the President of the General Assembly through consultation with Member States not later than February 1997 - on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications, and requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with Governments, regional commissions, relevant organizations and other development actors, to make initial preparations for such a dialogue;

4. Reaffirms the importance of the dialogue on economic and development issues between the developed and developing countries, including the dialogue being conducted between the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the Group of Seven, as well as the consultations that take place with the participation of the developed countries and the Group of 77;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit further recommendations for enhancing the dialogue, taking into consideration the agreed conclusions of the Economic and Social Council on coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system and implementation of the results of the major international conferences organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, and the outcome of the ongoing discussions in the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on an Agenda for Development;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session for its consideration, recommendations on possible future themes for dialogue, including the issues of globalization, regional integration and new information technology;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to elaborate his proposals to convene special sessions of the General Assembly, on major issues relevant to the dialogue on international economic cooperation for development, including those identified in an agenda for development;

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8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-second session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session an item entitled "Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership".